# Mountain Weather Forecast

## North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 18 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Tuesday 19 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Monday 18 Mar 2024 at 02:42 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for Monday and Tuesday. Low for chance of snow on Wednesday and for all aspects on Thursday. Confidence improves on Friday for a colder spell.

**Headline for Monday 18 Mar 2024:** Dry with sunny spells, but cloudier with summit gales later. Heavy rain after dark.

**Mountain weather hazards on Monday 18 Mar 2024**

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|---|---|---|
| **Blizzards**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent snow**<br>No Likelihood | **Storm force winds**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Gales**<br>Medium Likelihood | **Severe chill effect**<br>Low Likelihood | **Poor visibility**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Thunderstorms**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent rain**<br>No Likelihood | **Strong sunlight**<br>No Likelihood |

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Fog | Sunny intervals | Sunny intervals | Cloudy | Dull | Heavy Rain |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 10% | <05% | <05% | <05% | 30% | 80% |

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**Weather:** Patchy cloud increases for few hours around dawn, then a bright day with good sunny spells, but a cold breeze. High cloud thickens and lowers through the afternoon, with strong winds, summit gales and rain reaching Ben Alder around dusk and spreading east in the evening.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 90% in the east, 70% in the west during daylight hours. Falling to nil through the evening.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Cloud above 700m in the early hours, most extensive in the west. This largely clearing to give very good visibility from eastern hills by mid-morning, but some patches persisting across western hills around 1000-1200m. Persistent cloud lowering to 600m in the west, 800m in the east after dusk with visibility falling to very poor.

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**Forecast for Monday 18 Mar 2024**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 27/35 S | 27/35 SW | 25/33 S | 33/44 S | 42/55 S | 51/67 S | 41/55 S |
| **900** | 28/33 S | 27/33 SW | 25/32 SW | 37/46 S | 48/60 S | 55/68 S | 45/57 S |
| **600** | 17/23 SW | 17/21 SW | 18/25 SW | 24/34 S | 33/46 S | 35/49 S | 31/43 S |
| **300** | 6/15 SW | 8/18 SW | 12/23 SW | 13/27 S | 16/34 S | 15/36 S | 18/40 S |
| **Glen** | 4/20 SW | 5/17 SW | 7/22 SW | 7/23 S | 6/26 S | 5/25 S | 7/31 S |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | -0/-8 | -1/-9 | -0/-8 | 0/-8 | -0/-10 | -0/-10 | 0/-8 |
| **900** | 4/-2 | 3/-4 | 3/-3 | 4/-3 | 3/-5 | 3/-5 | 4/-4 |
| **600** | 6/2 | 5/1 | 6/2 | 7/2 | 6/-0 | 5/-1 | 6/0 |
| **300** | 6/4 | 7/5 | 9/7 | 10/7 | 8/5 | 8/4 | 8/4 |
| **Glen** | 6/4 | 8/6 | 12/9 | 12/9 | 10/7 | 9/7 | 9/6 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 1500m | 1100m | 1100m | 1100m | 1300m | 1600m | 1800m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Best of the sunshine in the morning. Strengthening winds will give an increasingly chilly feel to the day.

**Forecast for Tuesday 19 Mar 2024**

**Weather:** Low cloud through the early hours and the morning with strong winds and rain, turning to sleet then wet snow on the tops towards midday. Winds easing and rain patchier in the afternoon, turning to snow above 800m, then 600m around dusk. Cloudy but mainly dry in the evening, just a few snow flurries.

**Maximum wind:** South 40 gusting 50 mph in the early hours, becoming West-Southwest 30 gusting 45 mph after dawn. Easing to West-Northwest 10-15 mph through the afternoon.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 10% in the morning, 30-50% in the afternoon, best in the southwest

**Low cloud and visibility:** Very poor visibility to start with extensive cloud to lower slopes. Cloud gradually lifting to around 700-900m by late morning, occasionally giving good visibility as cloud lifts above the summits, most likely in the southwest.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.
**At 800m:** Plus 3 Celsius, falling to -1 Celsius in the evening.
**Freezing level:** Above the summits, falling to 900m mid-afternoon, 700m in the evening.

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